

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

CHRISTOPHER M. PAYNE,)	4:11CV3017
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	MEMORANDUM
)	AND ORDER
FRED BRITTEN, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

This matter is before the court on Plaintiff's Motion to Appoint Counsel. (Filing No. [22](#).) In [Davis v. Scott, 94 F.3d 444, 447 \(8th Cir. 1996\)](#), the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals explained that "[i]ndigent civil litigants do not have a constitutional or statutory right to appointed counsel. . . . The trial court has broad discretion to decide whether both the plaintiff and the court will benefit from the appointment of counsel" *Id.* (quotation and citation omitted). No such benefit is apparent here. The request for the appointment of counsel is therefore denied without prejudice.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion to Appoint Counsel (filing no. [22](#)) is denied.

DATED this 19th day of July, 2011.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Joseph F. Bataillon
Chief United States District Judge

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